

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-41 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

### **Double Patenting Rejection:**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-41 on the ground of non-statutory double patenting over claims 1 and 13-17 of U.S. Patent 7,103,740. Applicants traverse this rejection on the ground that the Examiner failed to state a proper *prima facie* case of non-statutory double patenting. However, to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting is filed herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the double patenting rejection of claims 1-41.

### **Allowable Claims:**

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-41 would be allowed provided that Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer, which Applicant has submitted herewith. Thus, claims 1-41 are in condition for allowance.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5760-14900/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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